

BAKER PETROLITE-HOUSTON BLEND PLANT
HOUSTON, TX

Baker Petrolite - Houston Blend Plant blends, repackages, stores, and distributes speciality chemicals for the oil field and industrial market. With its 18 employees committed to environmental protection, the plant earned the company's environmental excellence award for 5 of the past 6 years—each year being recognized in the “above and beyond” category. In the past few years, the plant's reuse and recycling techniques helped reduce more than 580 tons of hazardous and nonhazardous waste. The plant is certified to ISO 14001.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Past Accomplishments

The Houston Plant has demonstrated its commitment to environmental performance by posting significant reductions in hazardous and nonhazardous waste. Since 1998, the plant has:

- **Reduced hazardous waste** by 65% through various waste minimization procedures, including reuse of rinsing chemicals in the vessel cleaning process.
- **Reduced nonhazardous waste** by 61% through revising the blend-vessel cleaning procedures, recycling pallets, and monitoring inventories to prevent materials from becoming obsolete.

Future Commitments

The Houston Plant is targeting further reductions in hazardous and nonhazardous wastes, in addition to tackling VOC emissions and accidental releases. By 2003, the company will:

- **Reduce hazardous waste** by 5% through improving the process of recycling blender-rinsing chemicals.
- **Reduce nonhazardous waste** by 5% through refining the recycling process and improving materials handling.
- **Reduce VOC emissions** by 15% through evaluating various equipment options to improve operating efficiency.
- **Prevent accidental chemical releases** by continually training employees, conducting periodic plant inspections, maintaining plant equipment, and conducting formal reviews of operating procedures.

AT A GLANCE

Industry Sector:	Chemical Manufacturing
Business:	Prepares oilfield chemicals
Facility Employees:	Fewer than 50
Accomplishments:	Reduced hazardous waste Reduced nonhazardous waste
2003 Commitments:	Reduce hazardous waste Reduce nonhazardous waste Reduce VOC emissions Prevent accidental releases
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Houston Plant communicates with its local community through various methods, including open houses, public meetings, personal communications with local businesses, and through the Baker Petrolite corporate Web site. The plant also follows the American Chemical Manufacturers Association's Responsible Care guidelines.